

## Fiscal Highlights

### **Justice Reinvestment Initiative Funding and Performance Goals** - Gary R. Syphus

House Bill 348, Criminal Justice Programs and Amendments, amended current criminal justice statute, and legislators appropriated approximately \$14 million (\$12 million ongoing and \$2 million one-time) to help meet the requirements in the bill. The changes in policy and funding are far-reaching.

Some of the new requirements include:

1. New standards for mental health and substance treatment,
2. Reduced penalties for certain offenses,
3. Enhanced tracking of offenders in order to better assess and treat, and
4. A requirement to create standardized graduated sanctions to address offender violations.

The new funding spans across four agencies and includes pass-through funds to local governments to meet the requirements in the new law. The table below provides a breakdown of the funding associated with the changes in the law.

	Ongoing	One-time
<b>Executive Offices and Criminal Justice</b>		
<b>Board of Pardons and Parole</b>		
Research/Data Collection	120,800	
<b>Corrections</b>		
Access to Recovery	500,000	
Clinical Therapists	1,805,900	
Mental Health Services	1,045,100	
Office Specialists	604,000	
Training for APP Agents/Board of Pardons/County Jails	200,000	
Transition specialists	893,000	
APP treatment agents	988,000	
<b>CCJJ</b>		
Researcher	120,000	
Program Manager	129,500	
County Incentive Grant Program/Screening/Assessment	2,218,700	
IT upgrades to county jail information systems	-	380,000
<b>EOCJ Total</b>	<b>8,625,000</b>	<b>380,000</b>
<b>Social Services</b>		
(DSAMH) Training for provider treatment staff	150,000	
(DSAMH) 2 FTE and development of web based system/maintenance	225,000	100,000
(DSAMH) Substance abuse/mental health treatment	2,980,000	1,520,000
<b>SS Total</b>	<b>\$3,355,000</b>	<b>\$1,620,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,980,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

With this funding comes the expectation of certain desired results. The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice submitted the following outcome measures in the performance note:

1. Reduce prison population (estimated CY 2016 prison population is 7,145 with a target to reduce population to 6,118 by CY 2020),
2. Increase successful discharges from prison (estimated FY 2016 parole success rate at 20% aimed to increase to 25% by FY 2020; and estimated FY 2016 successful probation rates from 37% to 47% by FY 2020), and
3. Reduce recidivism with targeted reentry, treatment, and recovery services (estimated FY 2016 parole recidivism rate at 71% with a goal to reduce it to 62%; and estimated FY 2016 probation recidivism rate at 19% to reduce to 16% by FY 2020).